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REMARKS

The current Office Action addresses and rejects claims 1, 3, 5-9, 17, 20-21, 24-27, 29-34, 44-46, 48, and 63-65. Claims 10-11, 14-16, 18, and 34 were objected to. Claims 12 and 13 were withdrawn from consideration. Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter:

In the previous Office Action, the Examiner stated:

Claims 10-11, 14-16, 18 and 34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Amendments

Independent claim 1 is amended to include the features of previous claim 10. Independent claim 20 is amended to include the features of previous claims 29 and 34. Independent claim 18 is amended to include the features of previous claim 1. Claims 11, 14, 15, and 16 are amended to depend from claim 1.

Claims 10, 29, 34 and 44-48 are canceled. Cancellation of claims 44-48 obviates the Examiner's objections to the specification and the drawings.

As the claims have been amended so that only allowable subject matter remains, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that an interview would facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned.

In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed with this paper, asserted to be filed with this paper or which were required to be filed with this paper to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 101896-474.

Dated: March 28, 2011 Respectfully submitted,

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